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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6936

BILL NUMBER: HB 1379

DATE PREPARED: Dec 21, 1998

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Law enforcement training.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill prohibits a political subdivision that employs or has investigated and approved but not yet hired a law enforcement officer from paying the costs of instruction for the officer's attendance at a pre-basic course of training. It prohibits a town from paying for the cost of attendance of a town marshal's basic training. It also prohibits a political subdivision from paying for the cost of attendance of the mandatory basic training for law enforcement officers.

Effective Date: July 1, 1999.

Explanation of State Expenditures: Basic training costs at the Law Enforcement Training Academy (LETA) are currently paid from the dedicated Law Enforcement Training Fund. Under this bill, expenditures from the Fund may decrease based on the number of officers who attend training (see State Revenues).

Supplemental Information on the LETA Funding: Current LETA operating expenditures exceed the statutory distribution for that purpose and are supplemented by a pre-existing surplus in its dedicated operating fund. Under IC 33-19-7-5, the dedicated Law Enforcement Training Fund (Fund) is provided a state General Fund distribution derived from court fee revenue. The FY 99 distribution to the Fund was \$1.9 million. However, the Fund appropriation for Academy training was \$3.3 million in FY 99. The Fund has recently supported annual operating expenditures above annual distributions due to a surplus balance (projected at \$1.6 million by year-end FY 99) that was accrued prior to FY 93. Based on current expenditures, the Fund will effectively exhaust this surplus by year-end FY 2000.

Explanation of State Revenues: This bill would require trainees to pay the cost of basic training into dedicated Law Enforcement Training Fund. Approximately 600 to 800 officers receive basic training each year in Indiana (the majority of these are trained at the LETA). Revenue from persons attending basic training would range from \$2,400,000 to \$3,200,000 based on the current training cost of about \$4,000 per person.

Explanation of Local Expenditures: This bill would prohibit political subdivisions from paying the approximate \$100 cost for materials involved in the 40 hours of pre-basic instruction at the 87 training sites in the state. The bill does not specify from whence the funding would come. (One possibility is that trainees may assume the responsibility for these costs.) About 800 officers receive pre-basic training each year. Training is conducted by accredited police instructors shared among law enforcement jurisdictions and as well as at the LETA.

This bill also prohibits political subdivisions from paying costs for those attending the 12-week basic training at the Law Enforcement Training Academy. These costs, usually borne by the law enforcement agencies who send the officers, may range from \$6,000 to \$9,600 for each person. Costs may include academy fees, vehicle use, and twelve weeks of basic and overtime salary paid during training. (The largest portion of this expense was salary expense which ranged from \$5,300 to \$6,800.)

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Law Enforcement Training Academy.

Local Agencies Affected: Cities that employ law enforcement officers.

Information Sources: LSA survey of local police basic training costs in Evansville, Gary, Terre Haute, Kokomo, and Mishawaka, April 2, 1997; Charlie Burch, Law Enforcement Training Academy.